Visit of Central team to Hailstorm affected areas of M.P.

†3952. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central team had visited hailstorm affected areas of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, when and who were members of the team;

(c) the areas visited by that team and its recommendations; and

(d) by when the affected farmers are going to get Central assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The team was led by a Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) and consisted of representatives from Planning Commission, Department of Rural Development and Crops Division of DAC.

(c) and (d) The Central team visited the affected areas in Madhya Pradesh recently for assessment of the situation. The matter is under process.

Demand and Production of Wheat and Rice

3953. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :

SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2772 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th April, 2002 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that production of wheat and rice in the country is in surplus of the demand; and

(b) if so, the production of wheat and rice during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and demand for the same ?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) The production of Wheat and Rice in 2000-01 and 2001-02 is as under :

Year	Wheat (Million Tonnes)	Rice
2000-01	68.76	84.87
2001-02 (estimated)	73.53	90.75

Separate demand estimates for Wheat and Rice are not generated.

Funds for Agricultural Universities and KVKs

3954. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of allocation of funds to various Agricultural Universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras through various State Governments for the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : Rs. 15722.50 lakhs and Rs. 16778.89 lakhs were allocated to various State Agricultural Universities during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002. An amount of Rs. 2819.46 lakhs and Rs. 3447.41 lakhs were allocated to Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) established under State Agricultural Universities during 2000-2001 and 2001-02 respectively.

Researches on Genetic Structure in Pulses

†3955. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether ICAR has demanded additional funds from the Planning Commission for research to find out gene structure in pulses and other foodgrains and the effect of other genes in all other foodgrains; if so how much amount is required by the council for this purpose;

(b) whether the Ministry has held deliberations with the Planning Commission in this regard; and

(c) if so, the response from the Planning Commission received by the Ministry in this regard ?